



Crop Report

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Crop Report for September 11, 2005

With some areas of the province receiving light rain earlier this week, and much of the province experiencing heavy rains on the weekend, weather conditions continue to impede harvest progress according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

Crop reporters indicate that farmers need an extended period of warm, drying weather to be able to harvest this year's crop. They estimate that 34 per cent of the crop has been combined (18 per cent last week), and another 37 per cent is lying in the swath, or is ready to

straight combine. This compares to the five-year average of 46 per cent combined and 20 per cent lying in the swath, or ready to straight combine.

Combining progress is furthest advanced in the southwest where 63 per cent of the crop has been collected, followed by the southeast where 50 per cent of the crop is off. Combining is least advanced in the north where 10 to 11 per cent of the crop is off.

The main sources of crop damage during the past week were the rain and wind. Crop quality is being downgraded with each rain as

farmers find bleaching, staining, sprouting, mould, and mildew. Lodging and soft fields will make the physical aspects of harvesting difficult.

Seeding of fall crops is underway and the ones that have emerged look good. Again this year, the slow harvest and excess moisture will have an affect on the amount of fall crop seeded.

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Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at September 11, 2005

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Combine		
	2005	Average 2004	2000-04	2005	Average 2004	2000-04
Winter wheat	6	38	13	93	34	78
Spring wheat	38	25	19	23	4	45
Durum	34	19	13	42	8	46
Oats	30	11	21	16	2	36
Barley	36	22	17	35	9	50
Fall rye	3	29	11	89	51	80
Triticale	23	20	13	39	16	48
Flax	16	1	13	4	0	17
Canola	62	58	43	25	5	39
Mustard	30	29	16	45	17	55
Sunflowers	0	0	1	1	0	1
Lentils	17	29	13	72	37	66
Peas	15	26	9	77	39	75
Canary seed	22	8	13	5	1	24
Chickpeas	17	4	n.a.	27	1	n.a.
Total	37	27	20	34	10	46

1 Year Ago

Cool, damp weather continued to slow harvest.

Only 10% of the 2004 crop had been combined.

The main sources of crop damage were frost, insects, and weathering.

Northwestern areas received snow.



South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

South eastern combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	93
Spring wheat	43	17
Durum	49	20
Oats	33	15
Barley	67	35
Fall rye	99	93
Triticale	30	6
Flax	7	1
Canola	57	28
Mustard	57	24
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	75	59
Peas	89	81
Canary seed	6	1
Chickpeas	58	46
Total	50	28

The south eastern region fared better than the rest of the province and generally had a warm, sunny week. An average of 3 mm of precipitation was reported, with an average high of 10 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 2b. Wind damage, including scattering of swaths, lodging, and shelling out, was reported across the region. Hail damage was reported in CD 1b. Fog, high humidity, and the rain caused crop damage, including bleaching and sprouting.

Fifty per cent of the 2005 south eastern crop has been combined and a further 28% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Fall crops are furthest ahead with 99% of both the fall rye and winter wheat crops combined. Eighty-nine per cent of the peas, 75% of the lentils, 67% of the barley, and 58% each of the chickpea crops have been combined. Some farmers are using aeration bins to dry down tough crops.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land dried up from last week with 9% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 25% last week. Conditions are also drier on hay and pasture land with 6% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 11% last week.

Insect damage last week came from saw flies. Geese damaged crops in CDs 2b and 3ase. Wild game damaged crops in CD 3ase.

There was some seeding of fall crops. In CD 1a, fall rye has germinated and is looking good. Flax desiccation, straw baling, and harrowing took place. Fields are soft and some fields were rutted up from farm machinery.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

South western combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	98	96
Spring wheat	63	31
Durum	50	19
Oats	49	31
Barley	70	39
Fall rye	85	77
Triticale	51	35
Flax	8	0
Canola	71	37
Mustard	70	56
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	87	75
Peas	96	88
Canary seed	16	4
Chickpeas	20	8
Total	63	38

Some areas of the southwest had showers early in the week, and all regions had rain at the end of the week. An average of 29 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 20 mm

reported in CD 4a, to an average high of 40 mm reported in CD 3bn. The Lucky Lake area reported over 100 mm. Rain and wind damage, including lodging, staining, sprouting, shelling, and bleaching, were reported in all regions. Damage from flooding, including severe erosion, was reported in CDs 3asw, 3an, 3bn, and 4b. Hail and light frost damage were reported in CDs 3an and 4a.

Sixty-three per cent of the 2005 south western crop has been combined and a further 23% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Fall crops are furthest ahead with 98% of the winter wheat and 85% of the fall rye crop combined. Ninety-six per cent of the peas are combined as are 87% of the lentils, 71% of the canola, and 70% each of the mustard and barley crops. Weed growth is causing some harvesting challenges.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved this past week, with 23% reporting short or very short topsoil moisture, compared with 46% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 68% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 44% last week.

Saw flies continued to cause crop damage across the region. Gophers continued to damage crops in CD 3bs. Mould in pea crops was hard on farmers' health and on farm equipment.

Some fieldwork was done, including summerfallowing, herbicide application, harrowing, hauling bales, and straw baling. Fall rye and winter wheat were being seeded. Emerging crops are looking healthy. A lightning storm in CD 3bs started a fire that burned three to four hundred acres of pasture.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

East central combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	89	71
Spring wheat	13	4
Durum	11	4
Oats	7	2
Barley	34	15
Fall rye	97	87
Triticale	13	4
Flax	1	0
Canola	26	10
Mustard	20	9
Sunflowers	3	0
Lentils	54	36
Peas	71	41
Canary seed	2	0
Chickpeas	20	12
Total	24	11

The east central region had some good, drying days during the past week, with heavy rains in some areas on the weekend. An average of 33 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 3 mm reported in CD 5a, to an average high of 55 mm reported in CD 6a. Over 150 mm was reported in the Humboldt area. Wind and flooding damage were reported across the region. Hail damage, including shattering, was reported in CDs 5b and 6a. Reports were received of sprouting, staining, bleaching, shelling, scattered swaths, and lodging.

Twenty-four per cent of the 2005 east central crop has been combined and a further 50% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Ninety-seven per cent of the fall rye and 89% of the winter wheat have been combined, as has 71% of the peas, 54% of the lentils, and 34% of the barley. Humidity has been high so most grain has been taken off tough. Growth of weeds

and volunteer crop is becoming heavy and making combining challenging.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land got wetter with 47% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared to 40% last week. Conditions also got wetter on hay and pasture land with 24% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared to 9% last week.

In CD 6a, sawfly damage was general across the region. In CD 5a, there was damage from sawflies, flea beetles, grasshoppers, rust, and alternaria black spot. Grasshoppers were cutting off flax branches. Water fowl and wild game damaged crops in CD 6a.

Some winter wheat and fall rye were seeded. Field work is challenging because of standing water in the fields.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	67	66
Spring wheat	10	5
Durum	9	2
Oats	4	4
Barley	23	9
Fall rye	93	76
Triticale	7	0
Flax	0	0
Canola	13	3
Mustard	11	2
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	55	30
Peas	73	35
Canary seed	1	1
Chickpeas	11	0
Total	21	9

The west central region received rain early in the week and then had some combining weather until heavy rains at the end of the week. An

average of 58 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 35 mm reported in CD 7b, to an average high of 79 mm reported in CD 6b. Over 115 mm was reported in the Dundurn area. Damage from wind and flooding was reported across the region. Frost damage was reported in CDs 6b and 7b. Hail damage, especially to canola, was reported in CD 6b. Reporters are concerned about quality loss, sprouting, bleaching, saturated swaths, and lodging. Reporters estimate it will be a week or two before they can return to harvesting.

Twenty-one per cent of the 2005 west central crop has been combined and a further 40% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Fall rye is 93% combined and winter wheat is 67% combined. Peas are 73% done and lentils are 55% combined.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are very wet, with 73% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus. Conditions were also wetter on hay and pasture land with 32% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus.

Sawflies continued to be a source of crop damage in the west central region. Mildew was reported in CD 7b.

Fall rye has been seeded and is coming up very well in CD 6b.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

The north eastern region was wet at the beginning and end of last week. An average of 74 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average

low of 55 mm reported in CD 9ae, to an average high of 93 mm reported in CD 8a. Over 150 mm was reported near Lake Lenore in CD 8b.

Damage from flooding and wind was reported across the region. Severe, localized hail damage was reported in CD 8. Reporters are concerned about lodging, deteriorating quality, and sprouting. Standing crops are in water and swaths have been washed away in CD 8a. Hay bales are also in water.

23% last week.

Sawflies and moulds are still causing some crop damage in CD 8b. Geese and ducks are damaging crops in CD 8b.

More desiccation was done last week. Some farmers were baling straw.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

North eastern combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	70	40
Spring wheat	4	1
Durum	1	0
Oats	7	2
Barley	15	9
Fall rye	54	37
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	0	0
Canola	7	1
Mustard	9	2
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	23	4
Peas	48	25
Canary seed	5	3
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	10	4

Ten per cent of the 2005 north eastern crop has been combined and a further 46% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Seventy per cent of the winter wheat and 54% of the fall rye have been combined. Peas are 48% combined and lentils are 23% combined. Fields were still soft from the previous rain, so reporters are unsure of when they will be able to return to harvesting.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are even wetter past week, with 96% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 56% last week. Conditions are also wetter on hay and pasture land with 78% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to

North western combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	n/a	n/a
Spring wheat	6	1
Durum	0	0
Oats	1	0
Barley	10	5
Fall rye	90	58
Triticale	0	0
Flax	0	0
Canola	11	1
Mustard	0	0
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	40	0
Peas	48	22
Canary seed	0	0
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	11	4

The north western region was generally cool and damp this past week. An average of 22 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 15 mm reported in CD 9b, to an average high of 32 mm reported in CD 9aw. Over 60 mm was reported in the Shellbrook area. Flooding and wind damage were reported across the region. Frost damage was reported in CD 9b and damage to canola crops is expected. Reporters are concerned about grade loss, saturated crops, bleaching, lodging, and sprouting.

Eleven per cent of the 2005 north western crop has been combined and a further 37% is lying

in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Fall rye is 90% combined, peas are 48% combined, and lentils are 40% combined. Some barley and oat crops are still quite green, but were starting to turn last week.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land got wetter during the past week, with 43% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 19% last week. Conditions also got wetter on hay and pasture land with 11% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 4% last week. Low spots will be difficult to combine.

Insect damage came from sawflies, bertha armyworm larvae, diamondback moth larvae, and grasshoppers. Rust and mildew were reported in CD 9aw. Geese damaged crops in 9aw.

Some fall rye was seeded last week. Desiccation of crops continued.

Sask Combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	93	83
Spring wheat	23	9
Durum	42	16
Oats	16	8
Barley	35	17
Fall rye	89	79
Triticale	39	27
Flax	4	1
Canola	25	11
Mustard	45	29
Sunflowers	1	0
Lentils	72	54
Peas	77	58
Canary seed	5	1
Chickpeas	27	15
Total	34	18

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending September 10, 2005

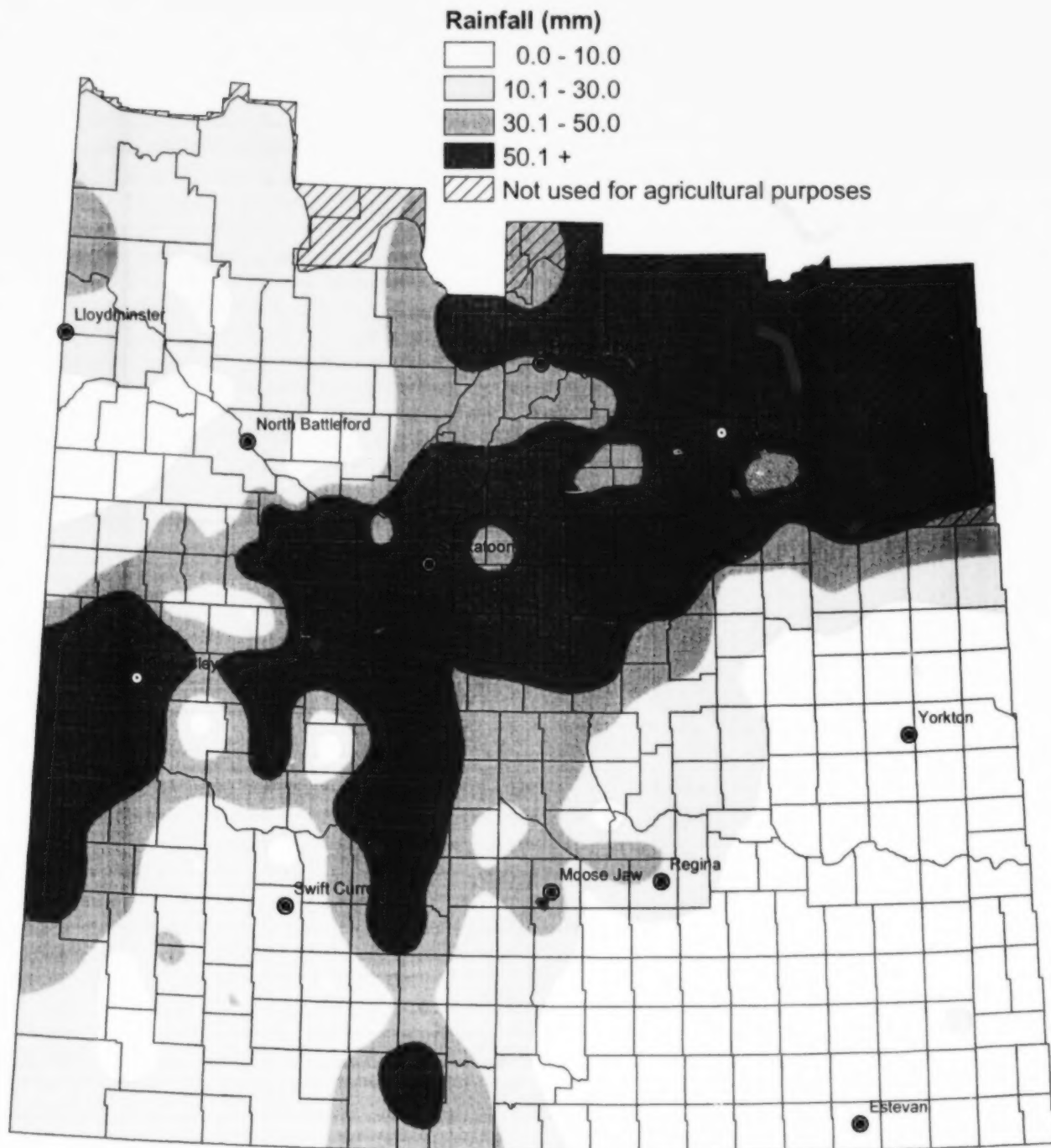
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Dist. No. Name		Past Week	Since April 1		Dist. No. Name		Past Week	Since April 1		Dist. No. Name		Past Week	Since April 1	
1A	2 Mount Pleasant	NIL	344		51	Reno	13	193		403	Rosthern	88	370	
	3 B Enniskillen	NIL	374		79	Arlington	22	212		404	Laird	59	305	
33 B	Moose Creek	NIL	298		109 A	Carmichael	37	394		259	Snipe Lake	4	287	
35	Benson	NIL	390		109 B	Carmichael	25	355		260	Newcombe	75	295	
63 B	Moose Mountain	12	256		110	Piapot	1	315		287	St. Andrews	71	417	
64	Brock	TR	363		111 A	Maple Creek	27	357		288	Pleasant Valley	65	420	
1 B	91 Maryfield	NIL	261		111 B	Maple Creek	25	340		290	Kindersley	74	334	
	94 Hazelwood	NIL	352		4 B	139 Gulf Lake	20	266		292	Milton	100	392	
	95 Golden West	NIL	358			141 Big Stick	34	328		317 B	Marriott	25	404	
123	Silverwood	NIL	404			142 Enterprise	58	349		317 C	Marriott	72	353	
124	Kingsley	NIL	382			169 Pittville	10	238		318 B	Mountain View	8	371	
125	Chester	NIL	293			171 Fox Valley	44	317		319	Winslow	34	315	
151 B	Rocanville	2	412			229 Miry Creek	20	251		320	Oakdale	107	425	
153	Willowdale	TR	321			231 Happpland	60	411		321	Prairiedale	98	410	
2 A	36 Cymri	NIL	395			232 Deer Forks	52	361		322	Antelope Park	75	393	
	66 Griffin	NIL	269		5 A	152 Spy Hill	NIL	302		7 B	347 A Biggar	60	369	
	68 Brokenshell	NIL	280			181 Langenburg	NIL	315			347 B Biggar	54	326	
	96 Fillmore	NIL	369			183 Fertile Belt	NIL	409			350 B Mariposa	33	289	
	97 Wellington	NIL	337			184 A Grayson	NIL	258			351 Progress	26	380	
	99 Caledonia	TR	354			184 C Grayson	NIL	376			352 Heart's Hill	21	491	
2 B	126 Montmartre	NIL	324*			185 Mcleod	NIL	456			377 A Glenside	28	340	
	127 Francis	1	419			186 Abernethy	NIL	358			377 B Glenside	79	395	
	129 Bratt's Lake	1	251			187 North Qu'appelle	7	321			378 A Rosemount	74	386	
131	Baldon	9	345			211 Churchillbridge	TR	376			378 B Rosemount	45	359	
156 A	Indian Head	NIL	476			213 Saltcoats	TR	355			379 Reford	32	360	
156 B	Indian Head	1	411			214 Cana	NIL	383			380 A Tramping Lake	35	344	
157	South Qu'appelle	3	449			241 Calder	NIL	544			382 Eye Hill	10	518	
158	Edenwold	24	297			243 Wallace	NIL	379*			409 Buffalo	18	336	
160	Pense	10	218			245 A Garry	3	354			410 Round Valley	5	380	
161	Moose Jaw	52	295			245 B Garry	2	403			411 Senlac	2	358	
3 A5E	9 Surprise Valley	TR	275			246 Ituna Bon Accord	6	460		8 A	395 Porcupine	101	517	
	38 A Laurier	NIL	336			247 Kellross	14	456			397 Barrier Valley	71	549	
	38 B Laurier	NIL	286			248 Touchwood	21	322			398 Pleasantdale	103	537	
	39 A The Gap	TR	212		5 B	271 Cote	TR	420			428 Star City	86	554	
	39 B The Gap	NIL	261			276 Foam Lake	5	419			456 Arborfield	127	540	
3 A5W	10 Happy Valley	1	259			277 Emerald	6	355			457 A Connaught	93	377	
	40 Bengough	3	275			303 Keys	6	404			487 Nipawin	68	329	
	42 Willow Bunch	24	267			304 Buchanan	2	251		8 B	369 St. Peter	157	458	
43 A	Old Post	45	253			307 Elfros	15	388			370 Humboldt	145	472	
43 B	Old Post	30	229			308 Big Quill	45	443			371 Bayne	81	368	
44	Waverley	59	293			335 Hazel Dell	32	424			372 Grant	44	351	
70	Key West	3	263			336 Sasman	11	346			373 A Aberdeen	74	407	
71 A	Excel	6	240			337 Lakeview	27	349			373 B Aberdeen	34	266*	
71 B	Excel	5	188			338 Lakeside	60	338			399 Lake Lenore	55	480	
73 A	Stonehenge	32	254			366 A Kelvington	64	385			400 Three Lakes	50	347	
73 B	Stonehenge	21	276			366 B Kelvington	42	376			402 Fish Creek	65	406	
3 A N	101 A Terrell	15	186			367 Ponass Lake	79	434			429 A Flett's Springs	49	442	
	101 B Terrell	8	281		6 A	189 Lumsden	33	366			429 B Flett's Springs	63	425	
	102 Lake Johnston	17	269			190 A Dufferin	TR	307			430 Invergordon	54	338	
	103 Sutton	24	227			190 B Dufferin	23	283			431 A St. Louis	51	362	
	132 Hillsborough	15	199			190 C Dufferin	47	291			459 Kinistino	49	354	
	134 Shamrock	36	314			219 C Longlaketon	30	347		9 A E	461 Prince Albert	39	377	
	164 Chaplin	56	252			220 McKillop	18	331			488 Torch River	77	460	
	193 Eyebrow	27	303			221 Sarnia	39	338			520 A Paddockwood	44	198	
	194 Enfield	75	297			222 Craik	37	347			520 B Paddockwood	59	321	
3 B S	17 A Val Marie	10	190			251 Big Arm	32	467		9 A W	405 Great Bend	50	273	
	45 Mankota	35	198			252 Arm River	45	328			406 Mayfield	53	358	
	46 A Glen Mcpherson	21	204			279 A Mount Hope	31	345			435 Redberry	15	293	
	75 A Pinto Creek	15	163			279 B Mount Hope	21	467			436 Douglas	5	249	
	75 B Pinto Creek	40	198			280 Wrenford	59	373			463 Duck Lake	43	372	
	76 A Auvergne	18	152			281 Wood Creek	53	342			464 Leask	37	337	
	76 B Auvergne	23	186			282 McCreaney	35	403			466 Meeting Lake	12	364	
	77 Wise Creek	27	205			309 Prairie Rose	40	339			467 Round Hill	15	307	
	78 A Grassy Creek	20	251			310 Ushorne	64	461			493 Shellbrook	63	308	
	78 B Grassy Creek	20	175			312 Morris	72	354			494 Canwood	49	299	
	78 C Grassy Creek	23	251			313 Lost River	101	345			496 Spiritwood	13	330	
	105 Glenbain	27	332			339 A Leroy	87	339		9 B	438 A Battle River	8	404	
	106 Whiska Creek	9	200			339 B Leroy	79	343			438 B Battle River	25	318	
	108 Bone Creek	30	278			340 A Wolverine	114	401			440 Hillsdale	3	347	
3 B N	135 Lawtonia	64	313			340 B Wolverine	160	462			442 Manitou Lake	4	412	
	136 Coulee	30	302			341 Viscount	81	345			468 A Meota	10	375	
	137 Swift Current	21	193			343 Blucher	78	305			472 Wilton	17	496	
	138 Webb	14	259			344 Loreburn	75	390			498 A Parkdale	24	327	
	165 Morse	46	330		6 B	283 Rosedale	54	455			498 B Parkdale	13	318	
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	167 Sask. Landing	5	277			285 Fertile Valley	91	462			501 A Frenchman Butte	14	375	
	225 Canaan	110	339			286 Milden	32	336			501 B Frenchman Butte	12	331	
	226 Victory	44	365			314 Dundurn	117	445			501 C Frenchman Butte	46	385	
	228 A Lacadena	52	292			344 Corman Park	44	323			502 Britannia	17	431	
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	256 King George	NIL	297			346 Perdue	89	411			588 A Meadow Lake	15	358	
	257 Monet	63	342			376 A Eagle Creek	95	393			588 B Meadow Lake	15	440	
4 A	49 A White Valley	8	209			376 B Eagle Creek	92	397			588 C Meadow Lake	16	493	
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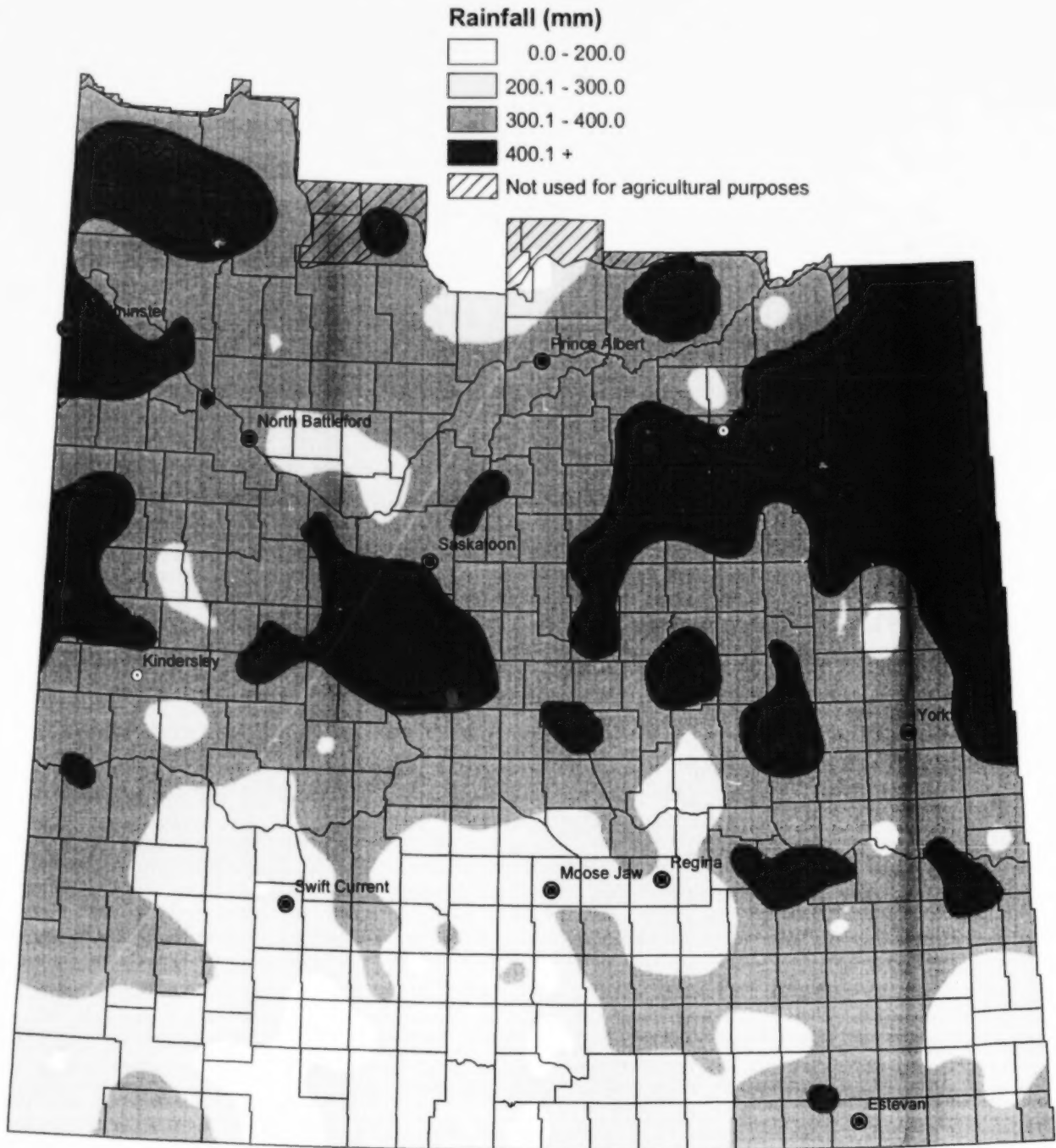
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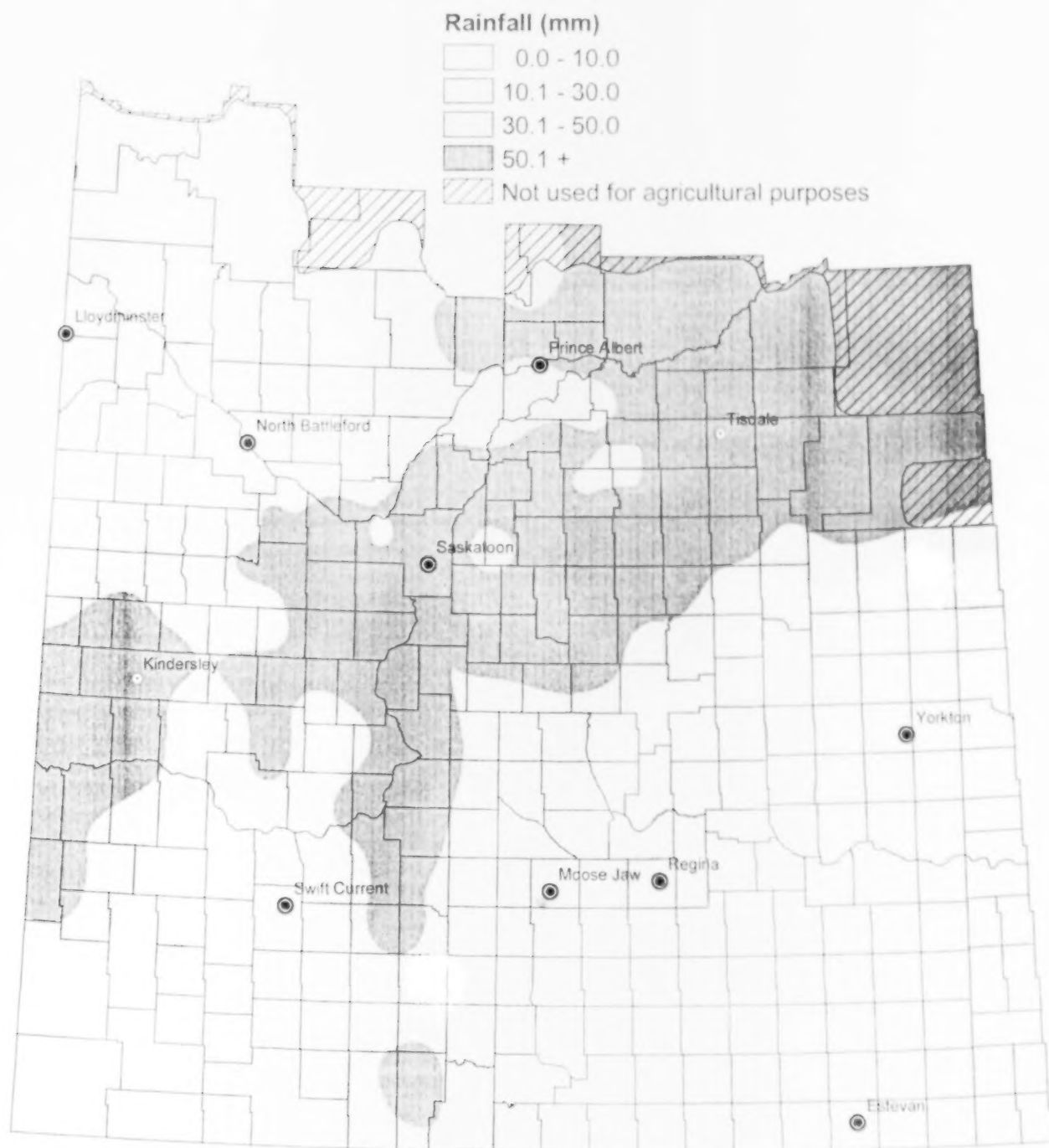
Weekly Rainfall for the week ending September 10, 2005



Cumulative Rainfall
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To: September 10, 2005



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Rainfall (mm)

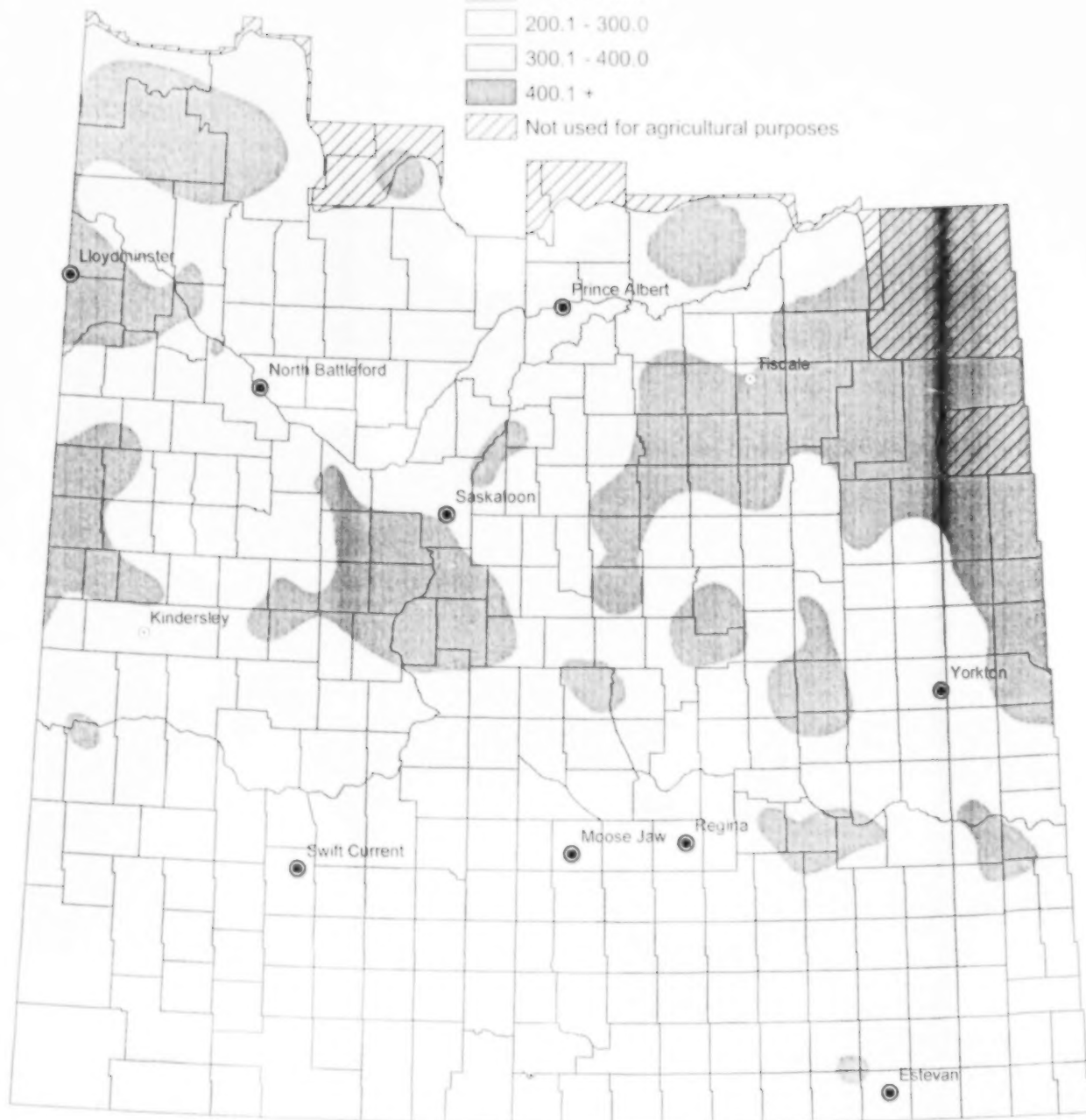
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